



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 3438-109

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Sven Bjorkgard ) Group Art Unit: 3683  
Application No.: 10/507,318 ) Examiner: Mariano Ong Sy  
Filed: September 10, 2004 )  
For: Coupling ) Confirmation No.: 9062

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006, **the period for response having been extended to October 13, 2006 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet(s). The amendments are discussed in this paper **and are also illustrated in the attached annotated drawing sheet(s).**

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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**Attachments** to this amendment include:

Replacement Abstract

Replacement Sheet(s) - one sheet - Figs. 1 & 2

[Annotated Sheet(s) showing changes - one sheet - Figs. 1 & 2]